

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-16 and 18 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 is amended.

Basis for Non-Compliance

In the Office Communication dated July 10, 2008, the Examiner asserts that newly submitted or amended claims 1, 4-16 and 18 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. In particular, the Examiner asserts that amended claim 1 is drawn to an invention that does not have the same technical feature of the original claimed invention. The Examiner asserts that the original claimed invention was drawn towards injection molding the bodies in a single mold but finds that the amended claim 1 is drawn towards using separate molds.

The Examiner holds that the Applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, which has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits, and that the amended claim 1 and dependent claims 4-16 and 18 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Since all the pending claims are withdrawn, the Examiner finds that the amendment filed 3/25/08 is considered non-responsive.

Applicant Reply

Applicants respectfully submit that the original claims and the amended claims are all directed to the same invention. The original claimed invention was indeed drawn towards injection molding the bodies in a single mold. The amended claim, as was the Applicants' intention, also is directed to injection molding the bodies in a single mold.

Nonetheless, in order to make it clear that the same invention as originally presented is still being claimed, the previously amended claims are further amended to more clearly express that a single mold is used.

The base body and the adhesive body are produced in the same closed mold. First the base body is produced by injection molding and then the adhesive body by injection molding. When the adhesive body is injected in the closed mold, it is applied to the base body. Producing the adhesive body and applying it to the base body is achieved in the same step. Applicants respectfully submit that this should be clearly expressed in the new claim.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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